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Dear Mr. Spangler:

The Department of Ecology is writing this letter in support of the draft <u>City of Redmond Regional Stormwater Facilities Plan</u>. The Department appreciates and supports the City of Redmond's strong efforts to implement a comprehensive program to manage stormwater runoff within the City. We believe the proposed program, as summarized in the <u>City of Redmond Regional Stormwater Facilities Plan</u>, demonstrates the City's ongoing commitment to protect and restore Redmond's diverse watersheds. Once again the City of Redmond has taken a leadership role in identifying and implementing innovative and cost-effective stormwater management solutions.

Redmond's unique geology and important surface and groundwater resources make stormwater management a special challenge and important responsibility. The Department recognizes that it will require a range of stormwater management strategies, including regional facilities, low impact development, a solid stormwater code, and receiving water monitoring information, to fully protect these vital natural resources. We believe the multi-faceted plan being prepared by the City's Natural Resources Division successfully tackles the City's stormwater challenge because it contemplates the spectrum of stormwater management options necessary to protect natural hydrological conditions across Redmond's watersheds.

We look forward to working with the City to implement this proactive approach. At the City's request, our regional stormwater engineer, Ed Abbassi, PE, can conduct a review of the City's comprehensive stormwater plan and provide technical assistance on specific proposed stormwater facility projects. Additionally, our regional municipal stormwater specialist, Anne Dettelbach, is available to help the City understand and implement the forthcoming Phase II municipal stormwater permit. Thank you again for providing us the opportunity to review and show our support for the draft <u>City of Redmond Regional Stormwater Facilities Plan</u>.

Sincerely,

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cc: Thomas Barry, Engineering Section Manager, City of Redmond